

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-312

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY CONCEPTUAL
PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, County of Riverside has been a member of the Salton Sea Authority since 1993 and has fully participated in all aspects of the Authority's programs, including the development of the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" ("Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the County of Riverside service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is consistent with County of Riverside policies and programs, in particular County of Riverside's policy to oppose further water transfers from the Imperial Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of County of Riverside, its constituents, and those living and working in the County of Riverside service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has developed a community outreach program to inform the citizens and businesses in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any plan to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The County of Riverside hereby approves the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the County's preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea;

County of Riverside encourages the State of California and the Department of the Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization;

County of Riverside encourages the Salton Sea Authority to conduct a community outreach program to fully inform citizens and businesses in the County of Riverside service territory about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan, and to assist them in participating in the state and federal process; and

County of Riverside commits to provide \$150,000.00 per year funding for the next two (2) years to assist the Salton Sea Authority with its general administration and community outreach program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside during its regularly scheduled meeting on this 25th day of July, 2006.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Wilson and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: Bob Buster
Bob Buster, Chairman

By: [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

NANCY ROMERO, Clerk of said Board

By: [Signature] Deputy